(b) whether Government are providing grants for setting up and running such Corporations; and

(c) the activities carried out by such Corporation to help tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Jharkahand, Gujarat, M.P., Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura and the UTs of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep have constituted Corporations for STs and the State Govts. of Goa, H.P., J&K, Kerala, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Sikkim and UP and the UTs of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have constituted Corporations for SCs and STs. Central Government provides assistance in the form of investment to the Corporations.

(c) The ST Development Corporations have been acting as guarantors and promoters for credit support and providing missing inputs by way of margin money loans and subsidy to the target group. The ST Development Corporations mainly take up employment oriented schemes in the fields of:—

(i) Agriculture and Allied activities including minor irrigation;

(ii) Small Scale Industry;

(iii) Transport and

(iv) Trade and Service Sector.

Low utilisation of funds by Ministry

2497. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that utilisation of funds under both plan and non-plan schemes of his Ministry has been quite low upto March, 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that huge amount of funds has been released at fag end of the financial year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the amount earmarked under plan and non-plan and the amount released in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

(e) The amount earmarked under plan & non-plan during the last three years and the amounts released during the same period are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Plan Fund Amount earmarked	Releases made
1997-98	479.00	466.41
1998-99	551.00	528.84
1999-2000	630.00	558.72

Non-Plan Fund (Grant to Assam Under 2nd Proviso of Article 275 (1) of the Constitution)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount earmarked	Releases made
1997-98	13.33	13.33
1998-99	13.33	13.33
1999-2000	14.00	14.00

Proposal to review the list of SCs and STs

†2498. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have proposed to review the

†*Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.*